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Dear Sir:

In response to the Request for Restriction of Examination mailed December 14, 2004, applicants provide the following remarks.

The Examiner has requested restriction of examination between three groups. Group I comprises claims 1-10 drawn to a concrete article, classified in class 106, subclass 724. Group II comprises claims 11-12 drawn to a process for making a concrete article, classified in class 264, subclass 333. Group III comprises claims 13-15 drawn to a concrete thickener, classified in class 524, subclass 5+.

Applicants respectfully elect Group II comprising Claims 11-12 for examination, with traverse. The basis for applicant's traversal is that applicant doesn't necessary agree with, or wish to be bound by, the Examiner's rationale in proposing the request for restriction of examination.

Further, please note the certified copy of German application, Serial No. 103 31 758.9, filed 14 July 2003, was submitted with our Submission Of Priority Document on July 12, 2004. A courtesy copy of the Return Receipt Postcard stamped received on July 15, 2004 is enclosed.

Favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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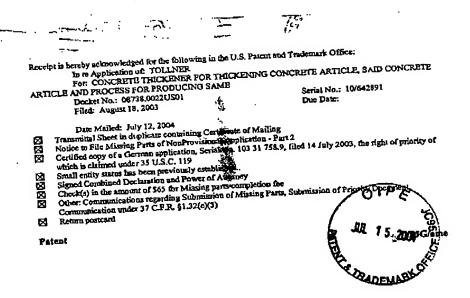
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